

Queensland's Outback Education program - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who developed the Queensland's Outback Education program?

The Queensland's Outback Education program was developed by Tourism Queensland in partnership with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association, and in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

2. How was the handbook format decided?

Following a focus group with teachers from a range of backgrounds, and meetings with Education Queensland, it was determined that a handbook would be a useful resource for teachers in communicating the experiences of Queensland's Outback in the classroom.

It was also determined that it was essential to demonstrate simple, easy and bookable options for teachers who may be interested in organizing a school excursion to Queensland's Outback.

3. How were topics and products selected for inclusion in the Queensland's Outback Education handbook?

Professionals were engaged throughout the development process to compile information, write the fact sheets, and provide classroom activities for teachers.

The fact sheets were developed by a professional writer, in consultation with a retired Year 6 and 7 teacher. The topics for each of the fact sheets were determined by what information was readily available, and had relevance to the Queensland Schools curriculum. Each of the fact sheets were approved by representatives of relevant Regional Councils in Queensland's Outback.

The itineraries have been developed by the respective coach companies, Kangaroo Bus Lines and Down Under Tours, and are suggested excursions only.

4. How can my product become involved in the Queensland's Outback Education program?

Please submit information on your product that you believe is relevant to the Queensland's Outback Education program to Nicola Dudley at nicola.dudley@tq.com.au or 07 3535 5571. This information will be kept on file and potentially used in future handbook or fact sheet productions.

Also note that if you are a member of ATDW or Outback Queensland Tourism Association, the useful information page on www.tq.com.au/outbackeducation links directly to these websites where you will be featured.

Alternatively if you are not an ATDW member, please contact the team on 1800 629 749 or atdw@tq.com.au for further information.